chosomatic disorders are not considered widely prevalent or not considered essential;

(b) if so, on what basis the opinion was formed;

(c) what is the exact opinion on these drugs given by his Ministry; and

(d) whether his Ministry have made any certification that these drugs are not essential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) D. G. H. S. was of the opinion that psychosomatic diseases in India are not so prevalent compared to tropical diseases.

(b) The opinion was based on disease pattern prevalent in India.

(c) Ministry had opined that there is a case to decategorise tranquilliser, since other psychotherapeutic drugs were recommended by Kelkar Committee for decategorisation.

(d) No, Sir.

1698. [*Cancelled*]

Non-essential Drugs

1699. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have identified any non-essential drugs;

(b) if so, what are their names;

(c) whether his Ministry have considered Glybanclamide as non-essential drug;

(d) what are the basis on which this drug was considered non-essential and how Insulin which is used for the treatment of same disease is considered as essential; and

(e) what is the Authority which have certified the drugs to be non-essential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Identification of non-essential Drugs

1700. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have identified any list of non-essential drugs;

(b) if so, what are their names; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the list of such drugs is likely to be identified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No drug which is approved is considered non-essential therefore the question of making a list of non-essential drugs does not arise.

Weightage in seniority to the State Civil Service Officers

1701. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's progressive decision to give weightage upto 9 years of seniority in the case of officers promoted from State Civil Services to IAS, has become a self-defeating measures, with no substantial change from the earlier seniority determination principles, since too restrictive clauses are fashioned in such a manner that the Civil Services Officers continue to get what they have been getting earlier; and

(b) if not, what are the details of the cases of promotion of the officer getting seniority of even more than 6 years in the new dispensation?